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## POLES ATTEMPT TO BREAK THRU SOVIET CIRCLE

Counter Thrust Against Bolshevik  
Invaders Under Way.

Red Armies Continue Forward  
Pressure Against Warsaw.

## CAPITAL NEARLY SURROUNDED

Cannot Be Saved From Red  
Looters Except by Peace.

## North Wing of Defender Army Without Ammunition.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Poland in an official proclamation issued at Warsaw has solemnly warned the world that if she is overthrown by the Russian Bolsheviks, the fall will be due not only to "overbearing might," but to the "indifference of a world which calls itself democratic."

Berlin, Aug. 11.—The Russians are twenty-five miles from Warsaw, according to a dispatch to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger today.

The northern wing of the Polish army has virtually "disappeared," the dispatch said. Its ammunition is exhausted.

Warsaw, Aug. 11.—A concentration and regrouping of the Polish forces for an extensive counter attack on the entire Warsaw front is reported by today's newspapers.

The plans are, it is said, to begin this counter attack within a few days. Military men express the opinion that this is a propitious time to strike back in an effort to drive off the soviet forces which are endeavoring to encircle the city.

## Cut Rost of Railroads.

Paris, Aug. 11.—The Russians now are occupying a stretch of twenty-four miles of the direct railway line between Warsaw and Danzig and a large force is pushing across the Danzig corridor to cut the remaining railroads, according to French foreign office today.

The section of the main line held by the Russians is between Ciechanow and Mlawa.

Communists have captured the town of Bema, Poland, the foreign office was advised today. The Polish troops were said to be clinging desperately to the ground they held along the railway.

Messages from various points near the fighting zone, relayed via Berlin, said the Poles were not seriously resisting the Bolshevik advance.

At many points the opposing armies lost contact, due to the Poles' fighting on the railway. The roads over which the Poles fell back were reported littered with abandoned war material.

Resist British Blockade.

An official communique from Moscow said the Russians were advancing rapidly on all sectors. They had occupied Zoklof, the statement said, had forced the River Narw, forty miles from Warsaw, and were "gradually encircling the capital from the north."

There was a hint of disintegration behind the Polish lines in the announcement from Warsaw that the Minister Leninski had resigned. He was replaced by General Sutowski and a shakeup in the war office followed.

A wireless message was sent out from Moscow calling on the sailors at Kronstadt and the Red armies to stand firmly against the entire plan to send a British fleet to support an attack by Finnish troops on Petrograd.

## NEW SAND PLANT HERE

Business Men Erecting \$20,000 Project on the Kaw.

A \$20,000 sand plant is being erected east of the city waterworks according to announcement made today by members of the River Sand company, a new corporation, chartered here Wednesday.

Topeka business men have organized the company. A boat with the pumping equipment aboard will be stationed in the middle of the river, and the sand pumped ashore and into bins by means of a huge pipe. From the bins the sand will be conveyed directly into Rock Island sand cars and taken to different points over the Rock Island line.

The plant is under construction and the tracks for the loading of the cars will be laid soon.

H. B. Sewall, Jr., principal stockholder of the company, reports that numerous visits have been paid to the plant by men interested in sand transportation.

O. W. Knight is manager and supervisor of the building of the plant. It is expected to be completed within thirty or sixty days.

Other stockholders are A. Lusk, M. P. Lusk, E. T. Strain, and M. A. Strain.

## FRANCE IN BREAK WITH RUSS REDS

Officially Recognizes General  
Wrangel in the Crimea.

Refuses Further Dealings With  
the Soviet Embassies.

## FOLLOW WILSON'S SUGGESTION

Anti-Bolshevik Leader Plans  
Real Democratic Regime.

Lenine's Peace Terms for  
Poland Distrusted at Paris.

Paris, Aug. 11.—France has officially recognized General Wrangel's regime as the de facto government of southern Russia. It was announced today by the foreign office. Wrangel is the anti-Bolshevik leader in the Crimea.

A French high commissioner will be sent immediately to Sebastopol, it was stated. The foreign office pointed out that Wrangel plans to set up a genuinely democratic government and to have Russia fulfill obligations of the czar's regime, including payment to other nations. His military successes, the statement said, demonstrated that he was capable of maintaining his position against Bolshevik assaults.

France has notified its commercial attaché at London to make no further dealings with the Bolshevik representatives there. This is believed to be the result of President Wilson's note to Italy, which he stood fast against any recognition of the Reds, which has been the policy of France all along.

## France Gives Reasons.

Two reasons were given by the foreign office for recognizing General Wrangel. The first was his promise to assume all the obligations of the former Russian government. The second was his promise to give Russia a democratic government. France notified the Associated Press today that the reason for her action to this effect, it was stated.

The foreign office regards the soviet terms to Poland which the British premier read in the house of commons last night as only preliminary and it is convinced that the soviet government would exact much harsher peace terms.

## General Wrangel Most Competent.

In announcing the recognition of the South Russian government the ministry of foreign affairs said that General Wrangel's successes were due to his knowledge of the Russian government's anxiety with regard to competent anti-Bolshevik leader who had yet appeared.

The French believes General Wrangel is the only man capable of overthrowing the Bolshevik regime that has taken the Crimea. General Wrangel, the French point out, is meeting with great success in turning all the Cossack tribes against the Bolsheviks.

## Poles Claim Crimean Victories.

London, Aug. 11.—Tuesday's official statement from Moscow carries a brief paragraph with regard to the fighting in the Crimea. The statement said the soviet forces are engaging those of General Wrangel. The statement says: "On Tuesday, the fighting on the Crimean front continued furiously."

## SANFORD JARRELL TO N. Y.

Former Topeka Newspaper Man Joins  
Staff of The Globe.

Sanford Jarrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jarrell, of Topeka, has been assigned from the staff of the Chicago Herald-Examiner to accept a position in the editorial department of the New York Globe. He leaves Chicago Saturday.

Sanford Jarrell is one of the most widely known of the younger newspaper fraternity in the country. He began his career several years ago as a reporter on The Topeka State Journal.

Since that time he has been in the Mexican border trouble in the war in France, and has served on the staffs of the Kansas City Journal, the Kansas City Star, the Chicago Herald-Examiner, and the New York Globe.

He also has been with the Rock Island Employes' magazine in Chicago.

## Stockton Farm Farms Itself And Pays Big

Stockton, Aug. 11.—"It was just like finding money," was the way John Droits, a western Rockoka county farmer, described the surprise he made in his 80-acre wheat field. Mr. Droits bought the 160-acre farm last winter for \$3,000. As considerable volunteer wheat appeared to be coming on, he let it grow.

He recently threshed the crop which averaged 3,300 bushels a head. Thus, without any effort or expense on his part except harvesting and threshing the grain, he has received enough from his farm to pay its entire cost and "enough to buy a good automobile," as he put it.

## YANKEE SEAMEN CAPTURE MORE BRITISH SILVERWARE



Cowes, Eng., Aug. 11.—American motor boats took first and second places today in the second race of the international regatta for the Harmsworth trophy.

Miss America finished first and Miss Detroit second. Maple Leaf, a British entry, was third.

The races are being held in the Solent. Three out of five heats must be taken to win the trophy. Miss America won the first race yesterday.

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## KANSAS MILLERS FACE DISASTER

Car Shortage Forcing Salina  
Mill to Shut Down.

Will Result in Prospective Loss  
of \$3,000 a Day.

## WIRE ALLEN FOR RELIEF

Has 90,000 Bushels of Wheat  
Stored in State Elevators.

Stands to Lose 40 Cents a Barrel  
on Flour.

The grain car shortage in Kansas has become so acute it is causing the Western Star Milling company of Salina to shut down with a prospective loss of \$3,000 a day. Other mills in the state are being similarly affected, it is said, and if relief is not provided soon the loss will be even greater.

The Western Star company today wired Gov. Henry J. Allen and urged him to try to aid in getting cars to move grain to the mill. The telegram stated that this company alone had bought and paid for 85,000 bushels of wheat which is stored in elevators along the Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific lines.

The officials of the mill say they already are losing about \$1,000 a day and with a complete shutdown the loss will be even greater.

Present plans are to continue to pay the mill employees, it is said, but the mill will sustain heavy losses thru the railroads in another way. The flour which was to be shipped to the mill was sold before the increase in freight rates was announced, and after the announcement was made the mill officials attempted to get the flour to the mill.

However, this will be impossible if cars cannot be procured to haul the flour. The mill and an additional loss of about 40 cents a barrel on the flour will have to be faced.

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## SOVIET RUSSIA FACING FAMINE

Press Correspondent Is First  
American Thru Russia.

Describes Serious Situation  
Seen on Flying Trip.

## STARVATION SPECTRE STALKS

Even Lenine Admits Another  
Winter Can't Be Weathered.

Siberia, Last Great Food Re-  
serve, Stripped of Grain.

Viborg, Finland, Aug. 10.—Flushed with success and confident of Poland's defeat, soviet Russia faces the approaching winter with the grim problem of food as its supreme test of power. From the Far East to the Finnish frontier—4,000 miles of undisputed territory—the spectre of starvation stalks threatening as the year reaches give up a cry for the necessities of life. From a people whose hearts, long sturdy in the "struggle for a new day" are forced to heed the demands of want.

The Associated Press correspondent, just arrived here, has observed these conditions in crossing Russia and Siberia all the way from Vladivostok to Moscow and Petrograd. His arrival in Finland followed deportation from Moscow, because the authorities had not given advance authorization for crossing the border.

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